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LOCAL FARM PROVES LOWLY 'WORM TURNS' ...TO MONEY!

By Art Thrall

PORTERVILLE — There is an old axiom that states - "the worm will turn!" It's true! The worm is turning - into money!

We're talking about the multi-million dollar business of raising earthworms for what appears to be an insatiable market.

Surprisingly enough, there are quite a few worm farmers quietly going about their business on a minor or major scale, as the case may be, trying to keep up with the demand for their "crops," but never making it.

There is one such major operation right here in the Porterville area. It's part of California Worm Farms, a subsidiary of Wonderful Worm Farms, Inc., which is scattered in various sized operations throughout the state and even in Texas.

The local worm farm is headed up by Chuck Keele with the assistance of Jimmy Lynch. It is located at 2252 West North Grand - and, conservatively figuring, houses about 54,000,000 earthworms - give or take a few.

According to Keele, every 60 to 90 days, the worms double in number - if they are properly cared for. The figures then get astronomical.

Farming or growing earthworms isn't a new business. They have been grown commercially for about 30 years. Mostly they were used for

fish bait in the early days, but, according to Keele, they have many more uses now.

Keele says the demand for worms and what they can be used for has never been met in its commercial history.

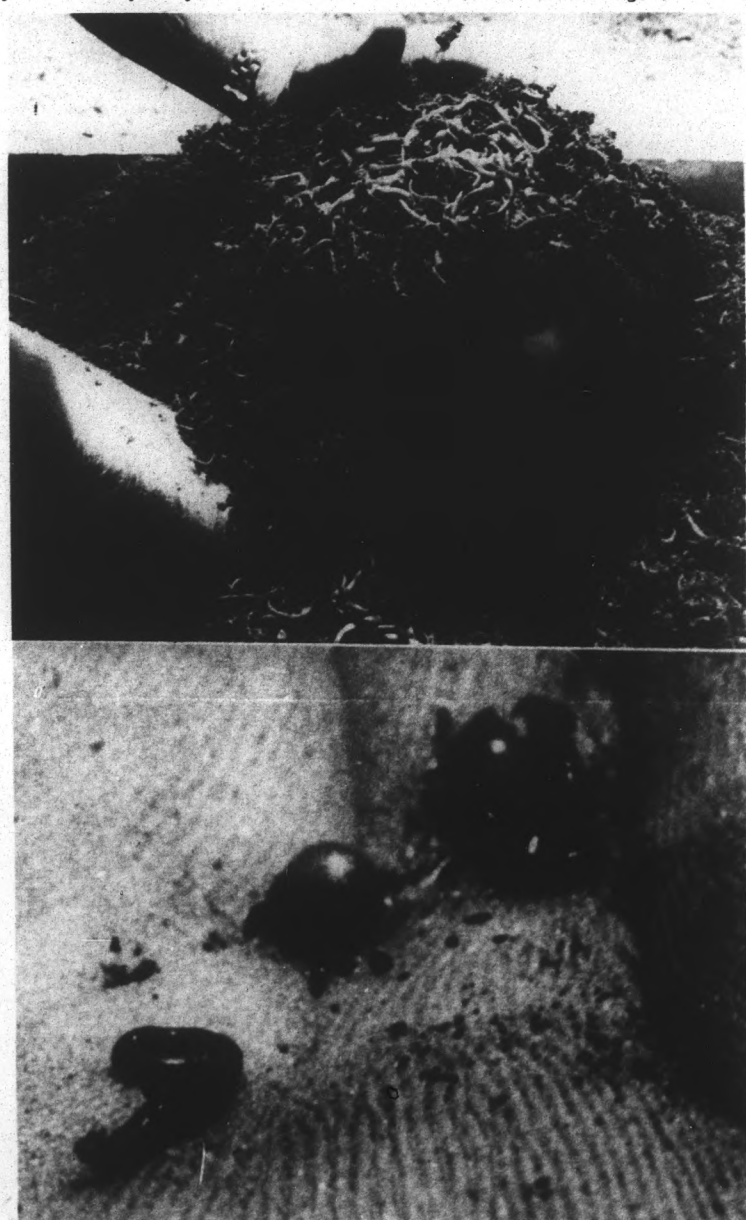
Worms are used for rubbish disposal purposes, composting materials, in many agricultural situations, and as a food supplement (ughhhh), to name just a few.

Now before the nose wrinkles up too high over the "food supplement" term, Keele points out that in a recent nationally known home economist's "bake-off" contest, the winning entry was a "worm cake" in which part of the ingredients were - yep, you guessed it, earthworms.

Keele explains that worms, after processing as a food supplement, are 75 per cent protein. They are considered a delicacy in some parts of the world despite how repugnant the idea of eating worms might be to persons of our civilization.

Another major by-product of worm farming is worm manure, or "worm castings," as it is called in polite society. This product has been analyzed and found to be five times richer than the richest topsoils. It contains 3 times more magnesium, 5 times more nitrogen, 7 times more phosphorus, and 11 times more potash than ordinary soils

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A WAD OF WORMS at the California Worm Farm, Porterville, is shown in top photo; lower photo (magnified about six times) shows two worm eggs and two worms about a week and a half old. A worm egg produces from four to 20 white, hair-like worms that will mature and be ready for the market in 60-90 days. (Farm Tribune photos)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY AMERICA



Patrick Henry's Vision Of Freedom In America

(BICENTENNIAL FEATURE)

When members of the Continental Congress reassembled at Philadelphia in July of 1776 to finally consider the Declaration of Independence, there was no certainty that the document would be ratified, or that if it was, the action would be unanimous.

Just before the signing ceremony was to start on July 4, 1776, Patrick Henry, of Virginia, took the floor to make a final plea for ratification of the Declaration of Independence and his eloquent words became a dramatic part of American history - and American dreams. He said:

"These words will go forth to the world when our bones are dust. To the slave in bondage they will speak hope; to the mechanic in his workshop, freedom.

"That parchment will speak to kings in language sad and terrible as the trumpet of the archangel. You have trampled on the rights of mankind long enough. At last, the voice of human woe has pierced the ear of God, and called his judgment down.

"Such is the message of the Declaration to the kings of the world. And shall we falter now? And shall we start back appalled when our free people press the very threshold of freedom?

"Sign! if the next moment the gibbet's rope is around your neck. Sign! by all your hopes in life or death, as husbands, fathers—as men with our names to the parchment, or be accursed forever! Sign! not only for yourselves, but for all ages; for that parchment will be the textbook of freedom—the Bible of the rights of man forever.

"Sign! for the declaration will go forth to American hearts like the voice of God. And its work will not be done until throughout this wide continent not a single inch of ground owns the sway of privilege of power.

"It is not given to our poor human intellect to climb the skies, to pierce the councils of the Almighty one. But methinks I stand among the awful clouds which veil the brightness of Jehovah's throne. Methinks I see the recording angel—pale as angel is pale, weeping as an angel can weep—come trembling up to the throne and speaking his dreadful message.

"Father! The old world is baptized in blood. Father! It is drenched with the blood of millions who have been executed, in slow and grinding oppression. Father, look! With one glance of thine eternal eye, look over Europe, Asia, Africa and behold everywhere a terrible sight—man trodden down beneath the oppressor's feet, nations lost in blood, murder, and superstition walking hand in hand, over the graves of their victims, and not a single voice to whisper hope to man.

"He stands there (the angel), his hand trembling with the human guilt.

"But hark! The voice of Jehovah speaks out from the awful cloud: Let there be light again. Let there be a new world. Tell my people, the poor downtrodden millions, to go out from the old world to build up my altar in the new.

"As God lives, my friend, I believe that to be his voice. Yes, were my soul trembling on the wing of eternity, were this hand freezing to death, were my voice choking with the last struggle, I would still, with the last gasp of that voice, implore you to remember the truth! God has given America to be free. Yes, as I sank down into the gloomy shadows of the grave, with my last gasp I would beg you to sign that parchment. In the name of the One who made you, the Saviour who redeemed you, in the name of the millions whose very breath is now hushed, as, in intense expectation, they look up to you for the awful words, YOU ARE FREE!"

EXCHANGE CLUB FIREWORKS ON JULY FOURTH

PORTERVILLE — What promises to be the biggest fireworks show between Sacramento and Los Angeles, according to fireworks firm officials, will get underway at about dusk in Jamison Stadium, Sunday, July 4th.

The program is the annual free fireworks spectacular sponsored by the Porterville Exchange club headed up this year by Dr. Wilbur Stover, club president and show general chairman.

Harlan Bentz, one of the club's two licensed pyrotechnicians, says the event, in honor of our nation's bicentennial, will consist of ten major set pieces with each of them generally related to the chronological history of our country. Included will be the American flag, two major historical battles, the Liberty Bell, Independence Hall, the Spirit of '76, and many others.

The show will be a little different in format this year, Bentz said. It will feature the 180 piece community band under the baton of Dale Anderson, Monache high school instrumental music instructor; Dave Rasmussen, Monache high school vocal music instructor; and Larry Cotta, KTIP radio station business manager and club member.

Bentz said as the show is narrated by Cotta, the band will play special music related to each set piece as it is fired. Rasmussen will sing two selections, one to open the show and another at the closing.

Interspersing the action in the program will be the aerial bursts from the mortar pits and special drawings of program numbers for the awarding of a \$100 prize and several lesser prizes to holders of the lucky free programs who can recite slogans from the program advertisements.

In addition, the Exchange clubbers will man five refreshment stands to help the

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AGRICULTURE IS BIG IN CALIFORNIA

SACRAMENTO — California's huge agricultural industry set a record of 51.1 million tons in harvested farm production in 1975 as farmers and ranchers marketed a near-record \$8.6 billion in crop and livestock products.

The harvested tonnage is up

12 percent from the 45.6 million ton record of 1974. According to Director Tim Wallace of the California Department of Food and Agriculture, 1975 was the sixth consecutive year of record tonnage.

The \$8.6 billion income was slightly below the record high of

\$8.7 billion set in 1974.

California's farm income and production figures, released in the department's annual "Principal Crop and Livestock" report were compiled by the California Crop and Livestock Reporting Service, a cooperative

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Rabies Clinics Set To Start In Local Area

VISALIA — The annual rabies vaccination clinics conducted by the Tulare County Health Department and the Tulare-Kings Veterinary Medical Association to vaccinate dogs against rabies and meet annual licensing requirements will get underway July 10.

The vaccinations are \$2 for each animal but owners are reminded this is not a license fee but merely pays for the vaccination to meet licensing requirements for dogs.

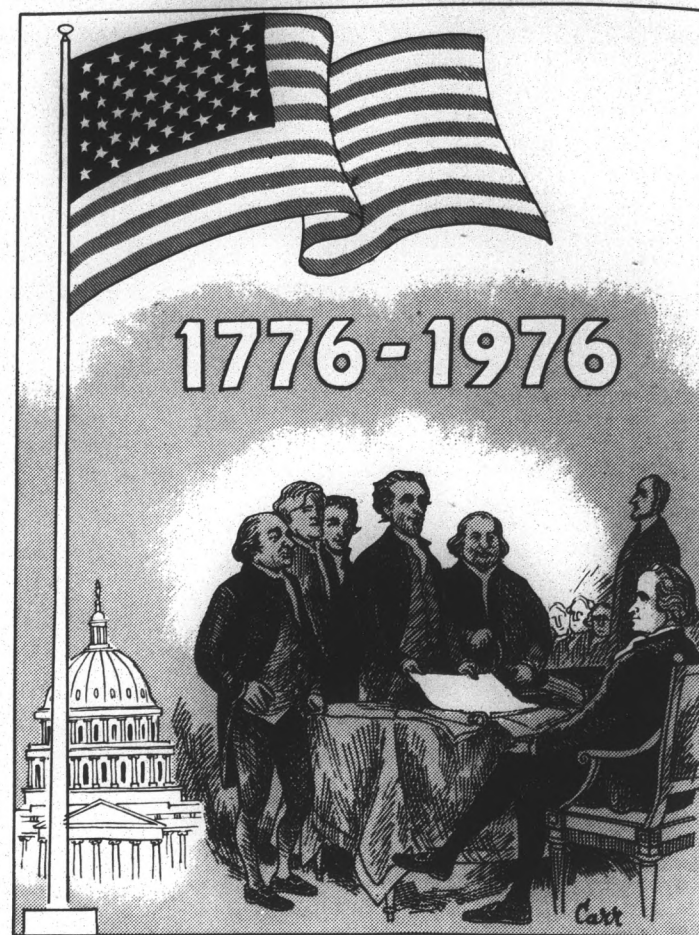
Schedule of vaccination clinics in the local area will be 5-6 p.m. Saturday, July 10, Camp Nelson fire station; 4-8 p.m. Monday, July 12, Porterville fairgrounds; 6-7 p.m. Tuesday, July 13, Springville fire station; 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, July 13, Terra Bella fire station; 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, July 14, Strathmore fire station; 6-8 p.m. Thursday, July 15, Lindsay city hall; and 6-8 p.m. Friday, July 16, Cotton Center, Gillespie Ag.

RIISING COSTS . . . LOWER PRICES

SANTA BARBARA — When members of the board of directors of the California Beet Growers association gather in Santa Barbara July 15-16, concern will focus on stagnation in the sugar market, and the squeeze between rising costs and low prices.

Editorial Comment

FROM THE BEGINNING



SOME THOUGHTS ON FREEDOM

Fireworks and festivities will mark this July 4 as never before, yet this 200th anniversary of Independence Day should also inspire a more thoughtful spirit than usual.

The 55 men who signed the Declaration of Independence were all too aware of the "toil and blood and treasure it will cost . . . to maintain this Declaration and support and defend these States," but it is easy for us to forget the two centuries of work and sacrifice which have kept our rights secure. And when we lose sight of the past, all too often we become careless with our freedoms, and willing to exchange them for the illusory hope of government-created security. This is a dangerous mistake, for our national well-being stems from freedom from constraints by government. There is nothing to be gained and much to be lost by turning to government for solutions to all problems.

On July 4 and throughout this year let us make a special effort to remember that the preservation of freedom is the responsibility of each of us, and let us instill this understanding in our children. The strength of our liberties lies not so much in our arms as in the value we place on freedom, and this strength can and must be renewed in us from time to time, and passed on to each succeeding generation.

Camp Nelson Volunteers Set Barbecue

CAMP NELSON — The Camp Nelson Volunteer Fire Department will hold its annual fund raising barbecue dinner between 4 p.m. and 8 p.m., Sunday, July 4th, on the patio of the Camp Nelson lodge.

The event will feature a dinner of deep pit barbecued beef complete with all the trimmings. Donations for the meal are \$3 for adults and \$2 for

children under 12 years of age.

Several special door prizes will also be awarded during the activity to holders of lucky tickets.

Proceeds from the event are used to offset expense of outfitting and maintaining the Upper Tule area volunteer fire department.

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County Assessed Value Up

VISALIA — The Tulare county tax assessor's office has completed the 1976-77 tax assessment roll and preliminary tabulations show a substantial gain in the county's total assessed valuation over the 1975 totals.

Carroll Cannon, county tax assessor, said secured rolls show a total assessed value of \$647,486,053 after regular exemptions have been deducted. This indicates a gain of \$59,686,390, or slightly in excess of 10 per cent, matching the same percentage of gain in 1975.

Unsecured portion of the roll shows a total of \$65,616,052 indicating a gain of \$9,258,967 or approximately 16.4 per cent which exceeds the 1975 gain.

Grand total of assessed value of all taxable property in Tulare county is \$713,102,105, an over-all gain of \$68,955,357 or approximately 10.7 per cent gain over 1975.

Among the cities in the county, 46 per cent of the total improved value and 26 per cent of the taxable land value lay within their boundaries. Porterville was assessed at \$39,322,710. Lindsay assessed valuation was \$21,199,445; Dinuba at \$17,951,589; Exeter at \$10,787,361; Woodlake at \$4,115,888; and Farmersville at \$4,036,904.

Cannon said the increase in assessed valuation is the result of several factors, among them, the assessor's continuing program of reappraisal of property to adjust values nearer to current market value. Continuing effects of inflation account for significant increases in the value of all categories of property.

Continued economic growth from development and new construction in several areas of the county was also responsible for a substantial portion of the county-wide increase. New construction in the county is valued at about \$30,000,000.

As the weather warms, egg prices are increasing due to lower production.

Foresters Say Fireworks And Forests Don't Mix

PORTERVILLE — Weather conditions and bicentennial celebrations with illegal fireworks greatly increase the potential for wildfires on the Sequoia National Forest during the July 4th holiday forest officials noted today.

"We're expecting a large number of forest visitors during the holiday week," Forest Supervisor John A. Leasure indicated. "We are concerned that many forest visitors may use fireworks to celebrate America's bicentennial. All fireworks—even those labeled 'safe 'n sane'—are illegal on the national forests.

Fireworks pose a very serious threat to national forest resources. Last week a fire in the Kern canyon area of the forest consumed over 700 acres. It was caused by one firecracker. The illegal use of fireworks within the national forest could result in many fires especially with existing weather conditions.

"The forest is extremely dry," Leasure noted. "we have only received about 50 per cent

of our normal precipitation. Our hydrologist reports that stream flows in some areas of the forest are down to levels normally found in the fall."

Leasure urged all forest visitors to leave fireworks at home. He pointed out that fireworks of all types can be confiscated and their owners prosecuted if fireworks are transported into the national forest. He noted that the laws prohibiting fireworks also prohibit the use of incendiary or tracer ammunition.

Additional manpower will be assigned to fire protection jobs over the holiday. Checkpoints will be established to warn visitors of the high fire danger. Forest officers will be available at Ranger stations in Pinehurst, Springville, California Hot Springs, Kernville, and Bakersfield to answer questions of forest visitors.

"We're asking the assistance of the forest visitors to prevent fires on the Sequoia National Forest by using extreme care with fire and leaving the fireworks at home," concluded Leasure.

PEAR GROWERS CONTINUING MARKET PROGRAM

SACRAMENTO — California's processing pear growers have voted overwhelmingly to continue the Marketing Program for Processing Pears, State Director of Food and Agriculture L.T. Wallace has announced.

In a referendum conducted from May 18 to June 16, thirty-seven percent of the producers participated and of these, over 96 percent favored continuation of the Program.

RANGE CONDITIONS BECOMING WORSE

SACRAMENTO — Range and pasture conditions continue to deteriorate throughout California, according to information from the Crop and Livestock Reporting service. Feed is scarce, stock water supplies are low, wells in lower foothills are drying up, cattle are being moved to irrigated pastures or higher mountain pastures, thinning of herds continues with feedlot inventories increasing.

REFURBISHED POOL TO OPEN MONDAY

PORTERVILLE — Refurbishing is almost complete and the newly acquired YMCA pool at 747 North Sunnyside, is scheduled for opening at 2 p.m. until 9 p.m. Monday, July 5.

The first week of swimming will be open to the public at 75 cents per person. After that the pool will be used for lessons, which begin July 12th, or for members of the YMCA.

During July, the YMCA will sell special charter memberships in the Y pool and other YMCA activities at special prices. In August the rates will return to the normal range. Information on rates is available at the YMCA office.

Plans call for the pool to remain open through October 1 of this year with information on hours also available through the YMCA office, 747 North Sunnyside, Phone 784-8192.



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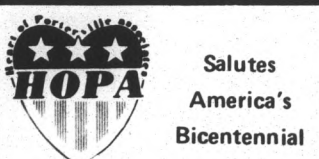
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according to laboratory analysis.

It is packaged and sold in many nursery outlets in quart and two quart sizes for the home gardener to use and brings a fancy price of about \$2.50 per quart. There is no doubt that it produces results! Keele can show you the healthiest looking house plants you ever saw - which he has grown with the material added to the planting soil mix.

A lot of gradeners using the worm castings have reported increased yields that approach the double mark compared to previous similar plantings prior to using the material.

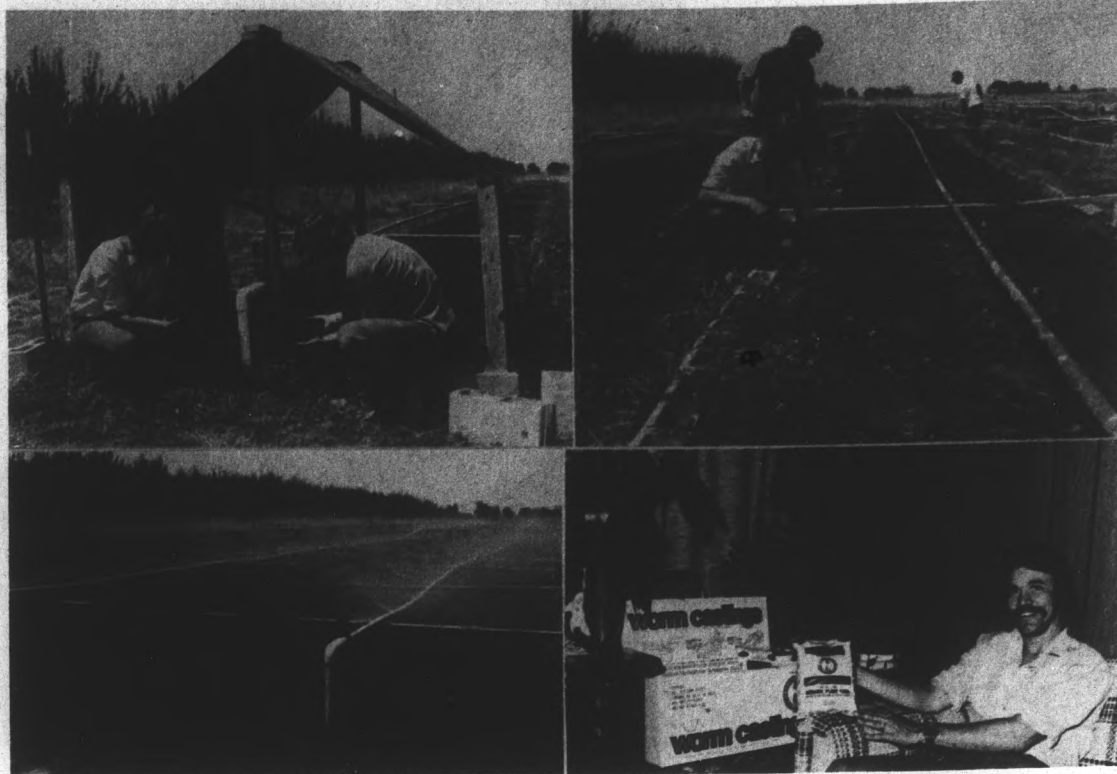
One of the major benefits of using worm castings as an agricultural fertilizer is the fact that once it is applied to the soil, the affects last from two to three years without any further applications.

With worm farming getting to be such a big business, worm castings are becoming available to the more conventional crop farmers at prices that are economically feasible, Keele said.

All farmers are aware of how beneficial earthworms themselves can be to good soil. They aerate it, make it accept water better, help compost waste materials, and fertilize it. They are probably the best farm aids that ever were. As a result farmers purchase live worms quite frequently on a large scale to help with problem soils.

In relation to the garbage disposal use, a recent article in a major newspaper related to a man in Holland Landing, Quebec, Canada, who is a worm farmer. He contracts with the city for its refuse. His worms reportedly eat 75 tons of trash a week and produce 1½ tons of fertilizer or worm castings. There is a ready market for the castings and also for the fast growing population of worms.

Despite the vast numbers of artificial lures for fishing, Keele says live worms still remain the number one bait choice for



CHUCK KEELE, from top left, manager of the California Worm Farm, left, and his assistant Jimmy Lynch, check worms in an experimental shade area to determine whether worms do better in the shade or in the sun;

fishermen. In some areas, worms retail for \$1 per dozen as fish bait. Here they sell for slightly over a penny apiece in sporting goods stores.

Worms are also used by pet food companies as a basis for some of their products. Pet shops also use them as foods for various types of pets, opening up another market.

Keele talks about his charges as though they are something special. Viewing them from their varied beneficial uses, they are! On a sales basis, worms are valued at upwards of \$6 per pound, depending on quality and size of sale. Lowest price is about \$2.25 per pound. On the average it takes about 800 to 1,500 worms to make a pound. Considering the magnitude of the numbers of worms Keele has in his "beds," one begins to get an idea of the value of the local enterprise.

But, farming worms isn't as easy as it may sound or look. Keele and his assistant, young Lynch, are the first to explain that there is a bit of work involved.

The worms require beds that contain compostable material for food, moisture, and "sweetness." By sweetness, Keele said he means no

Keele and Lynch, with Vince Lomonaco, the farm's business manager, right background, turn over soil and food in worm beds to keep worms active and to keep beds fresh and "sweet," light sprinkling for a couple of

"souring" condition. In a sour condition where the bed is too wet or acid, the only natural enemy of the worm, the red mite, moves in. Keele says there are no known diseases that will afflict the worm.

Keele notes that the worms must be harvested pretty regularly - about once a month. In the harvest, the mature worms are "screened off" and sold while the eggs and the young are left to continue the population explosion.

Worms may be one of the simplest forms of life, but Keele says they are also "pretty smart." If conditions aren't pretty much the way they like them, they will "crawl off" or simply go dormant and quit breeding until things improve.

In studies by Keele and his worm farm associates, a starting 24 square foot bed should have about 100,000 worms. In 60 to 90 days this number will double. At this point, if they are not harvested, the worms seem to know they have reached maximum population for the area and will hold at about this figure. Too bad we humans of the world don't have this talent.

If food sources are cut off,

minutes every hour maintain proper moisture in worm beds; Keele shows packages of worm castings, and, in background, examples of healthy house plants produced by proper use of castings. (Tribune photos)

the worms will hold population levels at just about status quo or even reduce with the diminishing food supply until conditions improve. Too dry conditions also cause a similar action with the worms. They simply go dormant until the situation gets better. The same applies to too much heat or cold.

Keele says worms are bi-sexual yet they need two to "tangle" before either one, or the other, or both can reproduce. The light colored egg bands form around the worms' exterior bodies and gradually slide off as they develop, to form pods from which as many as four to 20 little, white, hair-like worms hatch and start the cycle all over.

"All the worm farmer has to do is lavish some tender, loving care on his worms," Keele said, "and they will return the investment of time and attention over and over." He added he would be glad to talk to anyone interested in starting a worm farm operation.

And, just think! We average folks have been drowning them in lakes, feeding them to birds or chickens, chopping them up as we spade our gardens, stepping on them on rainy sidewalks, or (in some cases) running screaming from the wiggly critters when we spot them. What a shame!

Apparently, without most of us really recognizing it, the lowly worm has already turned.

Fireworks . . .

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expected big audience combat the thirst of the warm evening.

Assisting with vital communications connected with the big show, will be Porterville REACT radio club. In addition, the city fire department will furnish a truck under Ken Leesch, city fire marshal.

Various other chairmen involved in the activity include Bentz and Roger Lane on pyrotechnics with assistance of Duane Cosart in charge of firing set pieces.

Glen Humphrey is in charge of refreshment booths and Jack Letsinger in charge of program advertising. Other club members will assist where needed.

The show, valued by fireworks manufacturers and show promoters at nearly \$10,000, will get underway before dusk with Anderson's Monache Stage band playing and occasional air bursts. The actual show will get underway at dusk.

The public is invited free of charge and urged to come early for good seats which are on a first come first served basis.

Burton 4-H Holds Awards Meeting, And Swim Party

PORTERVILLE — Burton 4-H club held its final meeting of the year and achievement night with a swim party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sam LaPresta.

A potluck dinner was enjoyed by the members and families with swimming and a game of volleyball after the achievement awards were presented to the club members.

Awards were presented by community leader, Betty Webb.

Star awards were earned by 15 members. Bronze star awards were presented to Robin Barnard, Mary Camp, Shawn Church, Mary Donna Falconer, Kirk Hill, Traci Jones, Kathy Moore, Joanie Stadtherr, and Sid Wheeler. Silver stars were earned by Joel Church, Rick Falconer, Scott Simpson and Ted Webb. Earning gold stars were Christine Webb, and Kelly Padula.

Perfect attendance pins will be presented to members at the September meeting when Burton 4-H will resume its club activities.

Certificates of appreciation were presented to the project leaders and Junior leaders. Mrs. Webb noted the many years of leadership given by Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Valine and Mr. and Mrs. Guido Lombardi.

Mrs. Webb thanked all the leaders and members for working so hard to make the past 4-H year a successful one and wished everyone a happy summer.

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 6:00 P.M. Depart New York
 8:00 P.M. Arrive Philadelphia
 Drexell University Dorms - 2306 N. 33rd Street, Philadelphia, Penn. 91904 (215/895-2000)

July 2, 3 & 4 - Housing

Saturday, July 3 —
 11:00 A.M. - 12:01 Concert Independence Hall - Liberty Bell Mall
 4:00 P.M. - 7:00 Concert Birthday Cake - Happy Birthday America

Sunday, July 4 —
 America's 200th Anniversary Parade. Porterville Panther Band in California Division No. 31. Depart 1:30 P.M. Line-up 3:30 P.M. Parade Approx. 4:30 P.M. (Sub. to change). After the parade back to Drexell.

Monday, July 5 —
 9:00 A.M. Depart Philadelphia
 10:30 A.M. Arrive Valley Forge
 11:30 A.M. Depart Valley Forge
 1:30 P.M. Arrive Gettysburg
 3:30 P.M. Depart Gettysburg
 5:30 P.M. Arrive Washington - National Cathedral - Concert by Choir
 6:30 P.M. Depart National Cathedral
 7:15 P.M. Arrive South Gate Motel
 South Gate Motel, 2480 S. State Road, Arlington, Va. 22206 (703/979-4400)

July 5, 6 & 7 - Housing

Tuesday, July 6 —
 8:00 A.M. Students see Washington by Town Mobile
 7:00 P.M. All Porterville people meet at Capitol steps
 8:00 P.M. Concert by United States Air Force Band
 8:45 P.M. Present an award to Doug Scarbrough on behalf of the state of California
 9:30 P.M. Depart Capitol for South Gate Motel

Wednesday, July 7 —
 9:00 A.M. Depart for Capitol
 10:00 A.M. Capitol Concert
 11:00 A.M. Tour Capitol
 2:00 P.M. Depart Capitol
 2:45 P.M. Arrive Arlington Cemetery
 3:30 P.M. Concert at Arlington and presentation at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier
 Depart Arlington
 5:00 P.M. Arrive Jefferson Memorial
 5:30 P.M. Play concert at Jefferson Memorial
 6:00 P.M. United States Army Band Concert
 8:00 P.M. Depart for South Gate Motel
 9:30 P.M. Arrive South Gate Motel
 10:00 P.M.

Thursday, July 8 —
 12:00 Noon Depart South Gate Motel
 12:45 P.M. Arrive Mount Vernon
 2:30 P.M. Depart Mount Vernon
 2:30-4:00 P.M. Tour Washington
 4:00 P.M. Depart for Dulles Airport
 5:00 P.M. Arrive Dulles and board plane
 6:45 P.M. Depart Dulles Airport
 9:00 P.M. Arrive Bakersfield
 9:30 P.M. Depart Bakersfield by bus
 10:45 P.M. Arrive Porterville
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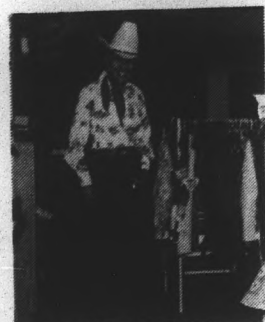
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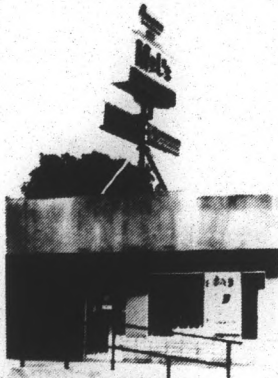
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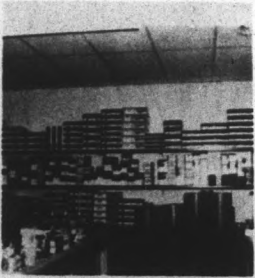
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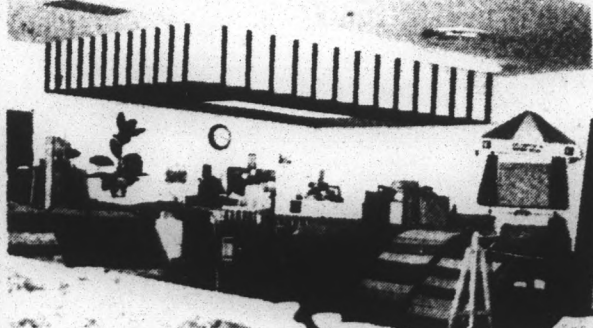
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Museum Friends To Raise Funds For Facility

PORTERVILLE — A society to be known as "Friends of the Museum" is being formed under auspices of the Porterville chamber of commerce museum committee to generate income for the operation and maintenance of the museum.

Dr. Orlin Shires, chairman of the museum committee, said, in the past, donations and memorial gifts to the museum have aided in support of the facility. He noted that the late Graham Dean, publisher of the Porterville Recorder, was a major benefactor to the museum. His generous philanthropy supported the facility for many years. But it is now becoming necessary to seek more funds.

Plans are to sell memberships to the Friends of the Museum Society to generate income.

The Porterville museum was established in 1965 in the old Southern Pacific passenger depot on "D" street, which was first built in 1913. The Porterville chamber of commerce operates the museum which is open to the public from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Thursday, Friday, and Saturday of each week.

Mrs. Clara Schrontz, curator of the museum, is an employee of the local chamber of commerce.

Serving on the museum finance committee with Dr. Shires, are Dr. Victor Young, Lt. Jack Thompson of the local CHP sub-station, Chet Griswold, Bob Griswold, C.W. "Nap" Easterbrook, Mike Garcia, and Lee Clearman.

Persons interested in joining the Friends of the Museum society should contact the chamber of commerce or one of the committeemen.

Harvest of wheat and barley continues with various yields reported, while certified wheat and barley is being harvested for seed.

Agriculture

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state-federal operation.

Fresno County, California's and the nation's leading county in cash income from crops, set a new income record of \$1,024,853,000 in 1975, marking the first time that county has topped the \$1 billion figure. Other leading counties were: Kern, \$744,307,575; Tulare, \$714,740,000; and Imperial, \$500,182,000. The county figures are based on reports issued by County Agricultural Commissioners.

The annual report points out that California is again the nation's leading farm state, a position it has held for some 27 years. Iowa is No. 2. California's production value is 9 percent of the total United States cash receipts from only 2 percent of the nation's farms. California agriculture is unique in that farmers produce a wide range of crops (some 200), with no single commodity dominating the agricultural economy, according to the report.

The estimated impact on California's economy of the state's agricultural industry is now \$43 billion in receipts, according to the Crop and Livestock Reporting Service. That number includes the \$8.6 billion in farm receipts and an estimate for such additional activities as processing, transportation, distribution, and sales.

Of the 200 crops recognized in the state, the annual report covers 68 major crops grown on

BILL DEEVER ON KETCHUM'S STAFF

WASHINGTON — Congressman Bill Ketchum has announced that William H. (Bill) Deever will assume the position of 18th Congressional District Representative on July 1. Presently serving as Constable of the Mojave Judicial District, Deever acted as then-Assemblyman Ketchum's Administrative Assistant from 1968-1971.

THE FARM TRIBUNE

a large commercial scale. This number includes 17 field crops, 21 fruit and nut crops, and 30 vegetable crops. In addition, information is also provided in the report on 10 livestock and poultry products. Of this number, 20 leading farm products account for more than 80 percent of the state's gross farm income, and in 1975, 10 of these products showed income increases over the previous year. Here are the highlights of the report:

— California ranks No. 1 in the nation in 46 commercial crop and livestock commodities.

— California farmers produced 9 percent of the national gross cash receipts from farming in 1975, a production realized from 63,000 farms, or 2 percent of the nation's total.

— The average California farm was estimated at 571 acres in 1975 and valued at \$341,700, including buildings. The national average of farm size was 387 acres in 1975 and value was \$166,700, including buildings.

— Combined average of principal California crops totaled 9.1 million acres in 1975, up 3 percent from 1974's 8.9 million.

— California vegetable growers produced a record 13.2 million tons in 1975, exceeding the previous record of 1974 by 12 percent. Vegetable production came from a record 909,320 acres, 6 percent more than last year, with a production value at \$1.609 billion, another record, beating the 1974 high of \$1.453 billion.

— Price declines in most fruit crops resulted in lower aggregate value of all fruit and nut crops. Total value of \$1.435 billion was 3 percent below the 1974 level of \$1.487 billion, 10 percent below the 1973 crop and 8 percent above the previous record crop in 1973. Bearing acreage for the year continued the upward trend increasing 5 percent to 1,584,728 acres.

— Record high production

Fourth annual Drip Irrigation conference and industry trade show will be held in Fresno October 4-6.

levels were recorded for wheat, rice, avocados, grapefruit, lemons, navel oranges, walnuts, and wine grapes. Record high crop values were recorded for apricots, avocados, cherries, dates, freestone peaches, grapefruit, nectarines, oranges and tangerines. Increased recent year plantings resulted in bearing acreage reaching new highs for grapes, rice, almonds, nectarines, olives, tangerines, and walnuts.

— Record yields barley, rice, and wheat.

Of California's total land area of 100.2 million acres, an estimated 36 million are in farm land.

Following are crop and livestock commodities in which California leads the nation:

Alfalfa seed, almonds, apricots, artichokes, asparagus, avocados, beeswax, broccoli, Brussels sprouts, cantaloupes, carrots, cauliflower, celery, chili pepper, cut flowers, dates, eggs, figs, garlic, grapes, honey, honeydew melons, ladino clover seed, lemons, lettuce, lima beans, nectarines, nursery stock, olives, onions, oriental vegetables, peaches, pears, Persian melons, persimmons, plums, pomegranates, potted plants, prunes, rabbits, strawberries, spinach, safflower, sugar beets, processing tomatoes, and walnuts.

Damage from early frost is showing in the San Bernardino County Valencia orange crop.

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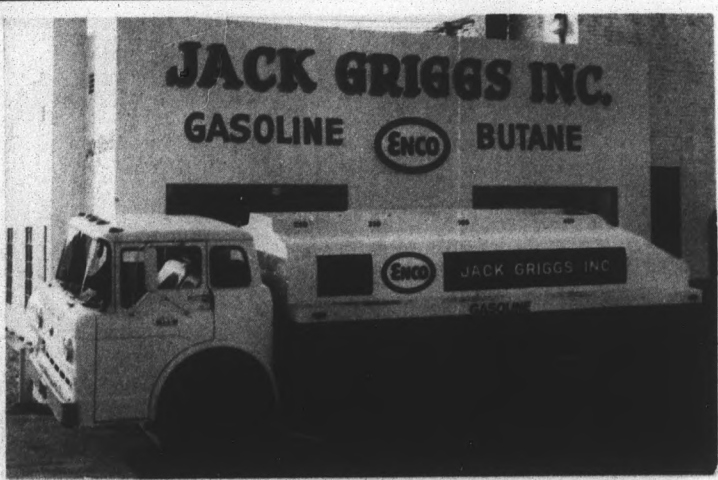
TWO REDWOOD TREES, one for the nation's capitol and the other for the White House, will be presented by the Plano 4-H during the units' flag corp trip to Philadelphia and the nation's capitol during the Fourth of July bicentennial celebration. Left to right with flags of our nation's history and the two redwood trees are Richard Homer, Don Land, Jane Hatfield, Harold Kempfer, and Katherine Homer, club president, reading a letter from the White House confirming the presentations.

HUNTING LICENSES ARE NOW ON SALE

SACRAMENTO — Hunting licenses, stamps and tags for 1976-77 California seasons are now on sale at Fish and Game offices and at most license agent places of business throughout the state.

KCCD BOARD WORKS ON BUDGET

BAKERSFIELD — Kern Community College District board of trustees is working on a tentative budget of \$23,050,337, with a publication budget to be adopted July 15.



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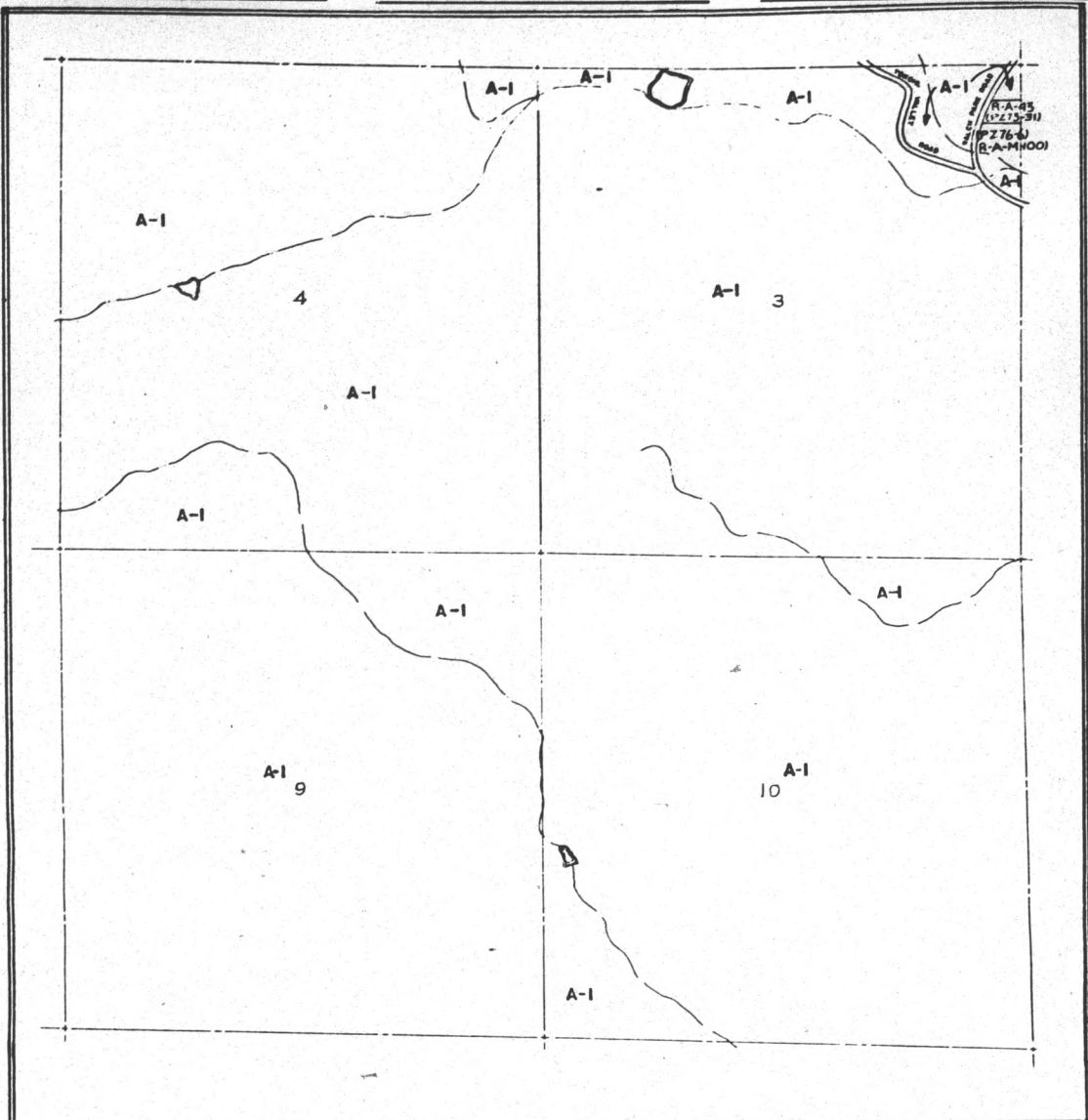
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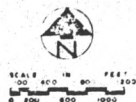
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PART 321 OF
BASIC ORDINANCE
NO. 352
APPROVED JULY 18, 1947
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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



AMENDMENT	ORD. NO.	ADOPTED	APPROVED	BY	DATE
P273-31	1577	4-17-73			
P276-6	1938	6-22-76			

ORDINANCE NO. 1938
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING
ORDINANCE NO. 352, BEING
AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISH-
ING AND REGULATING LAND
USES WITHIN CERTAIN ZONES
IN THE COUNTY OF TULARE.
THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF THE COUNTY OF TULARE DO
ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:
Section 1. Paragraph B of Section
3 of Ordinance No. 352 of the Coun-
ty of Tulare is hereby amended by
the adoption of an amended map of
the Northeast quarter of the North-
east quarter of Section 3 of Town-
ship 20 South, Range 29 East, Mount
Diablo Base & Meridian, being a sub-
division of Part 321 of the Official
(Precise) Zoning Map, which amend-

ed map is hereby adopted and made a
part hereof.
Section 2. This ordinance shall
take effect thirty (30) days from the
date of the passage hereof, and prior
to the expiration of fifteen (15) days
from the passage hereof shall be pub-
lished once in the Farm Tribune, a
newspaper printed and published in
the County of Tulare, State of Cali-
fornia, together with the names of
the Board of Supervisors voting for
and against the same.
THE FOREGOING ORDINANCE
was passed and adopted by the Board
of Supervisors of the County of
Tulare, State of California, on the
22nd day of June 1976, at a regular
meeting of said Board, duly and regu-
larly convened on said day, by the

following vote:
AYES:
R. D. Baird
Donald M. Hillman
Robert E. Harrell
Fred Batkin
NOES:
None
ABSENT:
Raymond J. Muller
Robert E. Harrell
Chairman, Board of Super-
visors, County of Tulare
ATTEST: JAY C. BAYLESS, County
Clerk and Ex-officio Clerk
of the Board of Supervisors
of the County of Tulare.
By Carol Santos, Deputy
Jul 1

NOTICE OF ASSESSMENT

Number 173
Hilo Water company, a California
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Tulare, State of California.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that
an assessment of thirty-five dollars
(\$35.00) per share is levied upon all
shares of this corporation payable on
or before the 19th day of July, 1976,
A.D., to the corporation at the office
of the secretary, Porterville, Cali-
fornia, or mailed to P.O. Box 573,
Porterville, California 93257. Any
shares upon which this assessment re-
mains unpaid on the 19th day of
August, 1976, A.D., will be delin-
quent and unless payment be made
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many of them as may be necessary
will be sold at secretary's office, at
North Main and Westfield, Port-
erville, California, on the 19th day
of September, 1976, A.D., at 10 a.m.
of such day to pay the delinquent
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MARCELLA GAMBLE, Secretary
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NOTICE OF HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that
the Tulare County Board of Super-
visors will hold a public hearing on
Tuesday, July 20, 1976, at 10:00
o'clock a.m., in the Chambers of the
Board of Supervisors, Courthouse,
Mineral King and Mooney Boulevard,
Visalia, California.
The hearing will pertain to an
appeal filed by James S. Winton, Civil
Engineer, for Osco Hensley, Jr., on
an Amendment to the Zoning Regu-
lations, Case No. PZ 76-5, to change
the present A-1 (Agricultural) Zone
to the M-1 (Light Manufacturing)
Zone on a 9.54 acre parcel of land
located on the north side of West
Grand Avenue, 1,600 feet west of
Newcomb Street, in Northwest
Porterville.
All interested persons may appear
and be heard at said time and place.
By order of the Board of Super-
visors.
Dated June 15, 1976.
JAY C. BAYLESS, County
Clerk and ex-officio clerk of
the Board of Supervisors
By Carol Santos, Deputy
Jul 1

NOTICE TO CREDITORS SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF TULARE

No. 24697
Estate of
ISABELL GROCE, Deceased.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to
the creditors of the above named
decedent that all persons having
claims against the said decedent are
required to file them, with the
necessary vouchers, in the office of
the clerk of the above entitled court,
or to present them, with the neces-
sary vouchers, to the undersigned at
the law office of Hubler, Burford,
Moran & Quirk, 141 E. Mill Ave.,
Porterville, California 93257 which is
the place of business of the under-
signed in all matters pertaining to the
estate of said decedent, within four
months after the first publication of
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Dated 28 June 1976.
GARY MAYNARD
Executor of the Will
of the above named
decedent
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Attorneys at Law
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Attorneys for Executor
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ment for the partnership was filed on
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The full name and residence of the
person withdrawing as a partner:
BRIGID CRANE
34715 Wilson Dr.
Springville, Cal. 93265
Signed: Brigid Crane.
This statement was filed with the
County Clerk of Tulare County on
June 23, 1976.
Jul 1,8,15,22



MORE THAN 870 motorcyclists from the Southern California Motorcycle Assn., visited Camp Nelson last weekend for their annual camp-out. The cyclists headquartered in the meadow area with a variety of activities and events to keep the riders busy. The organization, primarily family oriented, has held its annual event at Camp Nelson the past four years. (Hammond Studio Photo)

Harvest of peaches, plums, and nectarines continues, while apricot harvest is drawing to a close with sizes reported small in most deciduous crops.

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County Law Forbids Fireworks In All Unincorporated Areas

VISALIA — The California Division of Forestry and the Tulare County Fire Protection Service remind all persons of the Tulare county ordinance concerning the sale, use, and possession of fireworks in the county areas. Section 4265 of the Tulare county ordinance states that it shall be unlawful for any person to sell, offer for sale, give away, have in his possession, fire, set off, discharge, or use fireworks in the unincorporated areas of Tulare county.

Each year, thousands of acres of valuable watershed and rangeland are threatened by illegal use of fireworks at a time of year when conditions are at their worst. C.D.F. investigators will be "on the alert" for any

violations concerning fireworks, especially in the wildland areas of the county during the Fourth of July holidays.

In 1975, a fire caused by fireworks in Three Rivers, burned 2500 acres of grazing land and took hundreds of men and thousands of dollars worth of equipment and airplanes to control. The young man responsible for causing the fire was sentenced to serve six months in the county jail.

This year is one of the driest years experienced in the county's history. The lack of rainfall and snowpack last winter has caused an exceptionally early "drying out" of the foothill and mountain grasses and brush. Therefore, just one careless sparkler, firecracker, or other firework device can set a fire that could result in the loss of thousands of dollars in property damage, and possibly life.

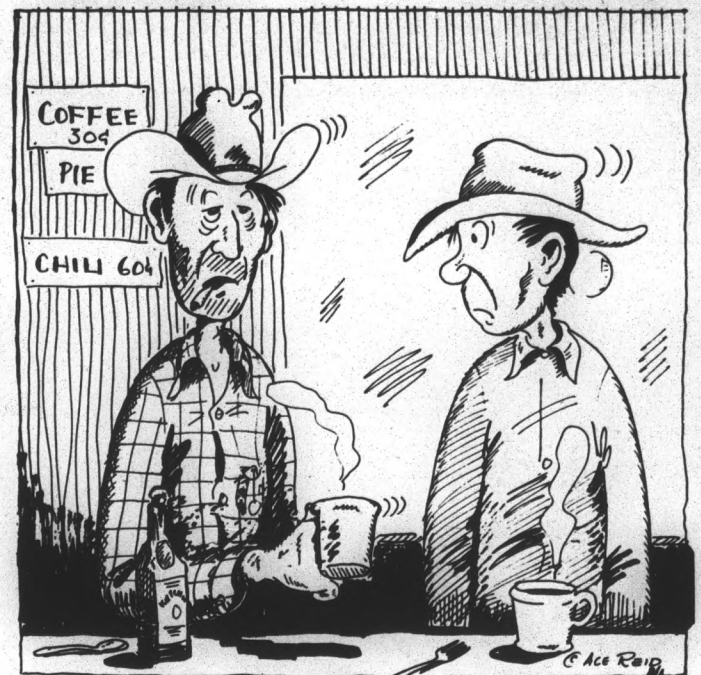
Very strict enforcement of violations will be carried out by C.D.F. An aircraft has been contracted for patrol of the wildlands to assist in the enforcement effort.

Everyone is encouraged to attend the various special firework displays presented by organized groups across the county and to have a safe Fourth of July.

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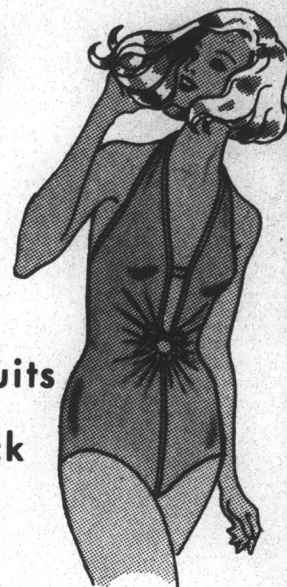
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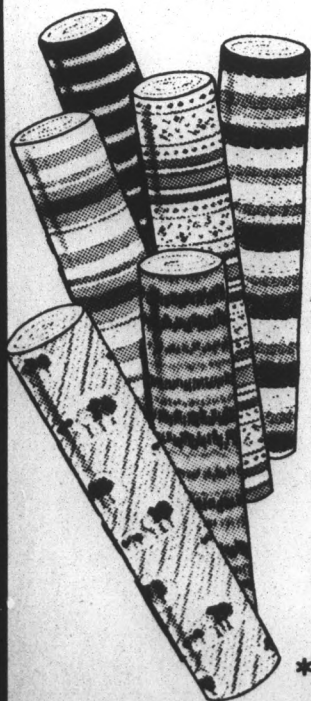
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